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HEr bodie was brought in a Coutch (about 100 attending thereon from Fotheringham castell vpon Sonday at night, the Bishop of Peterborough, the Deane, the Prebendes, & the rest meeting the same at the Bridge, being not far from the town, and so conueighed it to the Bishops Pallace, and from thence vpon Tuesday being Lammas day, was caried to the Church where she was buried on the south side of the hearse by torch light.

The Hearse was made field-bed wise, the vallance of blacke veluet with a golde fringe, the top of the imperiall couered wite Baies: About it was set 10 Posies, *In my defence God me defend*, with 10 Scutchions greate and litle, and at the toppe a double one with a Crowne imperiall thereupon. The supporters, Unicornes with 100 Pendons or litle

Flags: It was impaled with Baies, and in it 14 stooles with blacke veluet cushions: vpon the pillers sustaining the imperiall of the Hearse, the which were all couered with velvet, were fixed Scutchions, bearing either red Lion alone, or els parted with the Armes of France, or with the Armes of the Lorde Lineaux. The Church and Chancell were hanged with baies, and Scutchions as at other Funerals. The Mourners came out of the Bishops pallace, being set in order in the by the Herralds thus. First 100 Releeuants poore old women, for the most part widowes in blacke cloth gownes, with an ell of white Holland ouer their heades, which they had for their labor, and 9. shillings apeece in monie: These deuided themselues in the bodie of the Church, and stood halfe on the one side, and halfe on the other, and there stood during the whole solemnitie. At the Church doore the singing men and Quiristers met the Mourners with a psalme, and led them the way into the Chancell, continuing singing with the Organs vntil the sermon began. Then followed two yeomen, viz. the Sherifes bailiefe, and the bailiefe of Peterborough, with blacke staues, & after them mourning coates. Then Sir Nicholas Sauell in a mourning gowne

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carrieng the great Standard, viz. a Crosse in a Field Azur: the Streamer, an Unicorne Argent in a field of Gules, a posie written. *In my defence God me defend.* Then followed mourning cloakes by two and two, a greate nũber, wherof the first were late the Queens officers, and after them mourning gownes: Among these officers of her house, was a French Jesuit her Confessor, with a golden Crucifix about his necke, which he did weare openly, and being tolde that the people murmured and disliked at it, he said he would do it, though he died for it. Thus wee may see how obdurate their hearts are in malice, and how obstinate they shewe themselues in the vaine toies and superstitious trifles of their owne imaginations.

Then the Deane, next the two Bishops of Peterborough and Lincolne, the L. Willoughby of Parhan, the L. Mordant, the L. Compton, Sir Thomas Cicel all fower in gownes with white staues, representing the Steward, Chamberlain, Treasurer, & Comptroller: after these 16 Scottes and Frenchmen which had bin officers in her house: then Sir Andrew Nowel alone, carieng the banner of Scotland: then Percullis the Harralde bearing the Crowne and Crest, theron a red

Lion rampant crowned, holding a sword the point vpward, the Helmet ouermanteled Guiles pondered ermyne: then the Target by Roge Dragon: the Sword by Yorke: the coat of Armes by Somerset. Then Clarenceaux with a Gentlemã at Armes. Then followed the Coffin couered with a paule of veluet, six Scutchions fixed theron, vpon the head whereof stood a Crowne of gold, 6 Gentlemen bearing the Corps vnder a veluet canapie borne by these 4 Knights: viz. Sir Thomas Manners, Sir Iohn Hastings, Sir Iames Harrington and Sir Iohn Knightlie: eight other banners borne by 8 Squires, 4 on either side of the Coffin. After the corps came the heade Mourner, the Countesse of Bedford, assisted by the two Earles of Rutland & Lincolne. The Lady Saint-Iohns of Basing bearing her traine. Then followed by two and two other Ladies: the L. Talbot the L. Mordant, the L. Sauell, the L. Manners, the L. Cecill, the L. Mountegew, the Lady Nowell. The other Gentlemen. The ten Scottish & French womẽ of the Queens with black attire on their heads, of taffate before, and behind white Lawne, hanging down like French-hoodes. They with the Scottish and French men did all go out before the

Sermon

Sermon (except M. Melvin who staied) and the rest came in when it was ended: the head Mourner, & the Ladies, with the two Earls assistants were placed within the Hearse: the two Knights with their banners were set at the east end of the Hearse without the pale, and the eight Squires with their bannozets, 4 of a side in like manner without the pale. All the rest of the Mourners were caried vp by an Harrald aboue the Hearse, and placed of each side, the women next the altar. The Bishop & the Deane standing at the Altar with two gilded basons, at which being placed and set, and the Church quiet, the Bishop of Lincolne began his Sermon, and in his praier vsed these wordes, *Let vs blesse God for the happie dissolution of Marie, late the Scottish Queen and Dowager of France: of whose life and departure, whatsoeuer shall be expected, I haue nothing to say, for that I was vnacquainted with the one, and not present at the other, of her M. faith and end I am not to iudge: It is a charitable saieng of the Father Luther: Many one liueth a Papist, and dieth a Protestant: Onely this I haue bene enformed, that she tooke her death patiently, and recommended her selfe wholy to Iesus Christ.*

The Sermon ended, a long peece of vel-

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uet and a cushion was caried and laid for the Countesse to go and kneele vpon, hard before the Bishops feete, then by the King of Harralds were caried the four officers with their white staues, and placed two at the top of the staires vnder the Bishop & two beneath them Then the two principal Harralds fetched vp the Countesse, the two Earles leading her, & the Lady Saint-Iohns bearing vp her traine: there she kneeled a while, and then all returned to their places, this was the first offering (not that Brakenburie went this time before her) The two Earles placed without the pale before the Countesse, one of the Kinges of Harralds fetched from the Hearse the coat armor brought it downe to the other King of Harralds, & he deliuered it to the two Earls, they caried it (obeisance beeing done to the Countesse) to the Bishop, and kissed it in deliuering of it. A third Harrald tooke it of the Bishop and laide it downe on the Altar, the Sword, the Target, the Helmet, Crowne, and Crest in like sort was all done by the two Earles, kissing their hands before them: then were the two banners caried vp one after another seuerally by those that brought them, and so set vpon the Altar, leaning to the wal, the other 8 Bannerets were put into the

Hearse

Hearſe as they ſtood. Then went the Counteſſe, M. Iohn Manners holding vppe her traine the ſecond time, and offered alone to the Biſhop.

Then the Ladies and Gentlewomen by two and two went vp and offered, then the officers with white Staues offered: and laſt of all came there a Harralde to the pulpyt, and fetched the Biſhop of Lincolne, and then the moſt part of the Mourners departed in the ſame order they came in, & toward the dooze of the Chancell ſtoode the Scottiſh women, parted on both ſides, and as the Engliſh Ladies paſſed by, they kiſſed them all.

Then ouer the Vault where the body lay, the Deane read the ordinary wordes of buriall, and this being done, the foure officers brake their white ſtaues ouer their heads, and threw them into the Vaulte.

FINIS.